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1. TEXT OF LATEST INTERNATIONAL STAFF TRANSLATION OF FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION FOLLOWS BELOW. U.S. AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS HAVE WORKED INFORMALLY WITH IS TO IMPROVE EARLIER IS VERSIONS. PRESENT TEXT STILL DOES NOT CAPTURE FULL SPIRIT AND NUANCE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT, BUT IS BEST TRANSLATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN NATO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE FIFTEEN ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS

THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE
RECOGNIZE THAT THE TREATY THEY CONCLUDED 25 YEARS AGO TO SAFEGUARD THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE FOLLOWING A CONFLICT IN WHICH THEY WERE NEARLY DISPOSSESSED OF BOTH AS SERVED
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ITS PURPOSE. UNDER ITS PROTECTION, WESTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RISE FROM ITS RUINS ATTAINED AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF PROSPERITY AND LAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF ITS UNITY WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, THE WESTERN WORLD HAS BEEN GROWING IN

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SELF-RELIANCE AND SPREDING THE VALUES OF THE CIVILIZATION TO
WHICH IT HAS GIVEN ITS NAME.

IN MORE RECENT YEARS, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS
BEEN MADE TOWARDS DETENTE AND HARMONY AMONG NATIONS TO THE
POINT WHERE A CONFERENCE BRINGING TOGETHER 35 EUROPEAN AND
NORTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS NOW PREPARING TO DEFINE THE
STANDARDS CAPABLE OF ESTABLISHING SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION
IN EUROPE. THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE WELCOME
THIS TURN OF EVENTS BUT FEEL THAT, AS LONG AS CIRCUMSTANCES
DO NOT PERMIT OF GENERAL, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT,
WHICH ALONE CAN BRING GENUINE SECURITY FOR ALL, THESE
DEVELOPMENTS, FAR FROM RUNNING COUNTER TO THE AIMS OF THE
TREATY INITING THEM, MAKE IT INCUMBENT UPON THEM TO MAINTAIN
THE TIES IT HAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THEM. STATES WHICH
DESIRE TO MAINTAIN PEACE HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO ATTAIN
THIS GOAL BY DEGLECTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR OWN SECURITY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY NOTE THAT IN THE COURSE
OF THE PAST TEN YEARS THE FOUNDATIONS OF THEIR COMMON DEFENCE
HAVE UDERGONE MAJOR CHANGES. THE MUTUAL VULNERABILITY OF
THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION RESULTING FROM THE
BALANCE OF THEIR STRATEGIC FORCES, MAKES FOR GREAT STABILITY
IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS. EUROPE, HOWEVER,
REMAINS VULNERABLE TO ALL OTHER FORMS OF CONFLICT AND THUS
THE PROBLEM OF ITS DEVENCE IS GRADUALLY TAKING ON A DIMENSION
OF ITS OWN.

THIS NEW SITUATION IN NO WAY ALTERS THE BASIC FACT
THAT, AS MATTERS STAND AT PRESENT-AND THIS IS SOMETHING THE
MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WISH TO REAFFIRM-THERE IS NO
ALTERNATIVE TO THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY UNITED STATES NUCLEAR
FORCES, WHETHER THEY ARE BASED IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN
EUROPE.

IT DOES, HOWEVER, MEAN THAT EUROPE MUST TAKE
GREATER ACCOUNT OF THE RISKS CONFRONTING IT AND THAT THE
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UNITED STATES MUST EMPLOY WHATEVER WAYS AND MEANS ARE
NEEDED TO AVERT THESE RISKS. THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
WHOSE FORCES ACCOUNT FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF THE ALLIANCE'S
CONVENTIONAL STRENGTH IN EUROPE, AND TWO OF WHICH POSSESS
NUCLEAR FORCES CAPABLE OF FULFILLING A DETERRENT ROLE OF
THEIR OWN, UNDERTAKE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTRIBUTION
TO KEEP THE COMMON DEFENCE EFFORT AT A LEVEL CAPABLE OF
DETERRING ANY MOVE DIRECTED AGAINST THEIR INDEPENDENCE OR
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PART,
DECLARES THAT IT WILL CONTENANCE NO SITUATION WHEREBY
EUROPE IS EXPOSED TO EXTERNAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY PRESSURE
WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE LOSS OF ITS FREEDOM; THE UNITED STATES
REAFFIRMS THAT IT WILL KEEP ITS FORCES IN EUROPE AT A LEVEL

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CONSISTENT WITH A CREDIBLE STRATEGY OF DETERRENCE AND A CAPABILITY TO DEFEND THE ATLANTIC AREA SHOULD DETERRENCE FAIL AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION OF 22ND JUNE, 1973 IS TO PREVENT ALL FORMS OF WAR AND NOT TO LAY DOWN THE RULES AND LIMITS OF WAGING WAR..

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AFFIRM THAT AS THE ULTIMATE AIM OF ALL DEFENCE POLICIES IS TO PREVENT A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY FROM REALISING THE OBJECTIVES HE WOULD IMPOSE, ALL THE FORCES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD, IF NECESSAY, BE USED TO THIS END.

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COMMON DEFENCE IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE. THE COMMON GOAL ISTO MAINTAIN A POSTURE CAPABLE OF PREVENTING A CONFLICT WHICH WOULD PUT AN END TO EUROPEAN INDEPENDENCE AND THUS CULMINATE IN THE SUBJUGATION OF THE WORLD.

FROM THIS STANDPOINT IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT A CONTINUED AND SUBSTANTIAL PRESENCE OF AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE PLAYS AN IRREPLACEABLE ROLE IN THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES ITSELF, AS WELL AS IN THAT OF THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE. LIKEWISE, THE EVOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TOWARDS POLITICAL UNITY SHOULD, IN DUE COURSE, FAVOURABLY AFFECT THE CONTRIBUTION THAT ITS MEMBER NATIONS, WHICH ARE AT THE SAME TIME MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, MAKE TO THE PROBLEM OF DEFENCE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE ARE CONVINCED, NOW AS BEFORE, THAT THESE AIMS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED UNLESS THEY

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CONTINUE AMONG THEMSELVES CLOSE CONSULTATION AND TRUSTFUL
CO-OPERATION OF ALL PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST.

THEY REAFFIRM THAT THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THEIR
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INDEPENDENCE, TO MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND TO IMPROVE THE
STANDARD OF LIVING OF THEIR PEOPLES PRECLUDE AGGRESSION
AGAINST ANYONE, THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST
ANY OTHER COUNTRY AND THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT
AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THEY
WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION
WITH ALL THE COUNRIES OF EUROPE. NO MEANS INCONSISTENT
WITH THE FURTHERANCE OF WORLD PEACE WILL EVER BE USED TO
PROMOTE THESE EFFORTS.
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